



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giammaria SITAR

Examiner: Vera Afremova

Serial No.: 09/937,137

Art Unit: 1651

Filed: September 21, 2001

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For: A METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION OF FETAL CELLS FROM THE
MATERNAL PERIPHERAL BLOOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith his petition to extend the time to respond to the Office Action of November 24, 2004 for three months from February 24, 2005 to May 24, 2005. The petition fee under 35 USC §1.17(a)(3) of \$510.00 for a small entity is submitted herewith. The fees for two dependent claims in excess of 20 are also submitted herewith (\$50.00).

However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in this fee or charge any overpayment to deposit account 50-3135.

In response to the Office Action of November 24, 2005, applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

The remarks begin on page 8 and include a Memorandum of the personal interview of May 10, 2005.

Two declarations under 37 CFR §1.132, a new inventor's declaration follow page 13 of this response and a recent article co-authored by Giammaria Sitar.

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